

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 18, 2013

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pfau at 6:32p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pfau.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mrs. Kathleen Pfau
Mrs. Julie Beebe
Mr. Chris Gabriels
Mr. Thomas Herrick

Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mr. Carl Schoder
Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Ms. Christina Dunalewicz

Public Present:

Mrs. Deborah Andersen
Mrs. Terry Begly
Ms. Diane Burkhardt
Ms. Pat Cianci
Ms. Margaret D'Acchille
Mrs. Leona Denne
Mr. John Gaddy
Mr. Michael Graney

Mr. Dan Hull
Mr. Michael Leone
Mr. Owen Maranville
Mr. Michael Marcelle
Mr. Dennis Murphy
Mrs. Melanie Persons
Mrs. Dawn Robinson
Mr. Francisco Roca

Miss Molly Schoder
Mrs. Andrea Seamans
Mr. Brett Seamans
Mrs. Jen Trowbridge
Mrs. Jean VanAuken
Mrs. Susan Volkman
Miss Kimberly Wright

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mr. Carl Schoder, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2013 as presented.

Minutes
Approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence from Mr. Matthew Wade regarding his candidacy for the NYSSBA Area 7 Director position- noted and filed.

The Board of Education requested information on any additional candidates for this position; the District Clerk will provide this information to the Board.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Employee Relations– Mr. Gabriels updated the group in Mrs. Peterson’s absence regarding the Committee meeting with Kevin Harren regarding non-teaching staff negotiations held on Tuesday, November 12th. The group is working through details that require further discussion and have been presented to the group representative and non-teaching staff representatives for input. The Employee Relations Committee will report back with results as they become available.

- B. Policy Update – Mrs. Quigan updated the group on the progress the committee has made with Policy Numbers 7110 and 6510 as submitted by Erie 1 BOCES. Mrs. Quigan discussed the individual Policies; Policy 7110 will require further discussion and customization at a meeting of the Policy Committee being held on Monday, November 25, 2013. Policy 6510 was submitted for approval.

MOTION by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mr. Gabriels that the Board of Education adopt Policy Number 6510 as submitted by Erie 1 BOCES.

Adoption of
Policy # 6510

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

- C. Facilities –Mr. Schoder presented a project update on behalf of the Facilities Committee. Work is nearly complete on the building with construction progress on hold pending custom fabrication of the railing for the cupola. The hillside spectator seating area construction is well underway. Some landscaping is in place as is some of the stonework. Work is being completed on schedule and within budget.

The Facilities Committee meeting that had been scheduled on Monday November 4, 2013 was postponed and has been rescheduled to be held on Monday, December 2, 2013.

Mr. Schoder proposed a rescheduled Facilities Committee meeting date of Monday, December 2nd, 2013 at 6:30pm in the 1st floor conference room to bring the group up to date on the outcomes of the various projects.

Mr. Schoder reported that the Town of Bolton unanimously approved to share the cost of the Grant Assistance and Preliminary design costs of AES Northeast for the generator project at Bolton Central School in the amount of \$7,279.50. Mr. Schoder thanked District Clerk, Christina Dunalewicz for her efforts in developing the proposal.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. CPSE/CSE Business – The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Begly, School Psychologist and Chairperson of the Special Education Committee.

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Gabriels that the Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as presented.

CPSE/CSE
Recs.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

- B. Mr. Michael Marcelle and members of the Strategic Planning Committee presented the findings of a nine month long study involving feedback from five focus groups. A PowerPoint presentation was shared with the Board of Education and the community in attendance, both in slide and hard copy format and will be posted on the school's website. The presentation included a cross section of focus group summaries and recommendations. This project reflects a continuation of Bolton Central School District moving to the next stage of development for the future.

The presenters were as follows:

- Mr. John Gaddy, representing instructional staff at Bolton Central School
- Mr. Michael Graney, Principal and Ms. Kathleen Dennin, Business Manager, both representing the Administrative staff
- Mrs. Jean VanAuken, representing the parent group
- Miss Molly Schoder and Miss Kim Wright, both representing members of the BCS Student body
- Ms. Pat Cianci, representing members of the community group

The recommendation, at this time, is to address enrollment and academic issues with action plans based on feedback from all involved groups. The methods of marketing the school also needs to be more closely explored.

Mr. Marcelle thanked the Board of Education and all those involved in this process and noted that this is a great opportunity to move forward.

Mrs. Pfau thanked all involved in compiling this data and suggested further review on behalf of the Board of Education and suggested having a special session to discuss the outcome.

8. **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for October 2013, as presented

Treasurer
Reports

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

B. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan to accept the recommendation of the appointment of Ms. Amanda Stone as eligible Substitute Cleaner effective immediately.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

Appointment of
A. Stone –
Eligible
Substitute
Cleaner

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

Mrs. Pfau announced that she will be attending the Common Core forum presented by Commissioner King at Schroon Lake Central School District on Wednesday, November 20th and encouraged others to attend.

A. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employee negotiation at 7:36pm

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 8:06pm.

B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

Meeting
Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Board approved: _____

District Clerk